

Remarks/Arguments

The present amendment is made in response to the final Office Action dated April 19, 2004, and identified as Paper No. 04162004. Claims 6, 8, 9, and 14 remain pending in the application.

In the Action, the Examiner repeated the previous rejections of claim 1-4, 7, 10-12 and indicated that claims 6, 8, 9, and 14 were allowed.

With regard to the rejection of claim 10-12, these claims depend from allowed claim 8 and are therefore also allowable.

Applicant has cancelled claims 5, 13, and 15-23, subject to the right to file a divisional application including the claims withdrawn from the present application as a result of a restriction requirement by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner's reconsideration review is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a phone conference with Applicant's attorney is necessary to facilitate issuance, please contact the undersigned at (315) 218-8515.

Respectfully submitted,

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